

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 138, October 21, 2002]

**REORGANIZING THE CABINET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON
INTERNAL SECURITY, AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21
DATED JUNE 19, 2001 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS , insurgency and organized crime pose a serious and direct threat to internal security;

WHEREAS , the National Internal Security Plan (NISP) prescribes a holistic approach in addressing these threats to internal security;

WHEREAS , there is an urgent need to ensure that all agencies of the Government perform their roles and responsibilities under the NISP;

WHEREAS , there is also a need to involve the Members of Congress in the Government's response to the threats to internal security;

WHEREAS , under Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has the continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO , President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Reorganization* . – The Cabinet Oversight Committee on Internal Security (COC-IS) is hereby reorganized and shall be composed of the following:

a. President of the Republic of the Philippines as Chairperson;

b. Members of the Core Staff:

i. Executive Secretary;

ii. Secretary of National Defense;

iii. Secretary of the Interior and Local Government;

iv. Secretary of Foreign Affairs;

v. Presidential Chief of Staff;

vi. National Security Adviser;

vii. Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process;

viii. Presidential Adviser for Special Concerns;

ix. Presidential Adviser on Military Affairs;

x. Presidential Adviser on Police Affairs;

xi. Presidential Consultant on Counter-Intelligence;

xii. Presidential Assistant on Mindanao and other Regional Presidential Assistants as needed;

c. Other Members of the Executive Committee; and

d. Leaders of Congress.

The Presidential Adviser on Strategic Concerns shall assist the President in overseeing the Core Staff.

SECTION 2.*Functions.* – The COC-IS shall perform the following functions:

- a. Act as an advisory body to the President on matters affecting the internal security of the country; and
- b. Coordinate and oversee the performance by the concerned agencies of the Government of their roles and responsibilities under the NISP.

The COC-IS shall meet upon the call of the President, with the Secretariat and its Director-General preparing the agenda.

SECTION 3.*Executive Committee.* – The COC-IS shall have an Executive Committee (EXCOM) composed of the following:

- a. Executive Secretary as Chairperson;
- b. Secretary of National Defense as Vice-Chairperson;
- c. Secretary of the Interior and Local Government;
- d. Secretary of Justice;
- e. Secretary of Social Welfare and Development;
- f. Presidential Adviser on Strategic Concerns
- g. National Security Adviser;
- h. Chief Presidential Legal Counsel;
- i. Press Secretary;
- j. Lead Convenor, National Anti-Poverty Commission; and
- k. Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process.

The EXCOM shall act on all matters requiring immediate attention and/or disposition and shall meet upon the call of the Executive Secretary. The EXCOM shall, when necessary, conduct dialogues with the Commission on Human Rights on issues or matters affecting or relative to internal security.

SECTION 4.*Secretariat.* –

- a. The COC-IS Operations Center and the Situation Room personnel are hereby merged and shall form the Secretariat of the COC-IS, which shall serve as the latter's staff organization. It shall be organized and built up as the President's integrative institution for defense, police and foreign policy matters.
- b. The Secretariat shall be headed by the Presidential Adviser on Strategic Concerns as Director-General.
- c. The Secretariat shall have its operations center in Malacañang Palace.
- d. All agencies of the Government dealing with internal security and crime shall provide the Secretariat with intelligence reports as required.
- e. The Secretariat shall perform the following functions:
 - i. Vet the assessments of the military and police hierarchy on the problem of internal security and crime; and
 - ii. Monitor the implementation by the concerned agencies of their tasks in the holistic approach to counter insurgency under the NISP.

SECTION 5.*Internal Security Committees.* –